

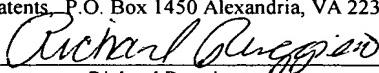


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The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. Additionally, a copy of U.S. publication 2004/0070122A1 which is believed to be related to the corresponding Japanese application is listed on the PTO/SB/08 form and a copy enclosed. A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or and English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R . § 1.98 and MPEP §609). The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application has commented as follows:

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A JP 8-70432

B JP 2000-341689

C JP 9-116759

Claims 3-6, 9-12 and 15-18

As Reference A (Especially refer to Fig. 4 and claims), Reference B (Especially refer to Claims 1 and 2.) and Reference C (Mainly refer to Claims 2 and 7.) disclose, it is known in the art codes necessary for expansion are extracted.

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